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In the news

From BBC to Old Gray Lady

The New York Times Co. tapped Mark Thompson as its next president and CEO, capping an eight-month search for an executive to lead the company as more people get their news through digital products. Thompson, 55, was most recently BBC director general and one of the most powerful television executives in Britain. He announced in March that he was stepping down from that position at the end of the London Olympics. REUTERS

In the news



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Alleged 'Madam Mom' accomplice reportedly pleads

Jaynie Mae Baker, the alleged accomplice of a woman police say was the "Soccer Mom Madam," above, who allegedly ran a brothel from her Upper East Side apartment, cut a plea deal yesterday. According to the Daily News, Baker agreed to plead guilty to a violation. Baker is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow.

METRO/AB



► Law enforcement officials in New York are increasingly using information found on computers and smartphones — such as texts, photos and GPS data — to help put together the pieces of an alleged crime.

City pledges a state-of-the-art cybercrime lab

How does the new lab work?

The cybercrime unit's chief, David Szuchman, said one huge improvement will be efficiency.

► When being analyzed, smartphones must be offline so they cannot interact with the provider, he said. Right now, investigators put their hands and the phone into a box outfitted to block access to the phone. In the new lab addition, he said, they can build an entire room that shields the phones.

► Brand-new lab addition will help law enforcement better troll through smartphones to catch alleged criminals ► Nearly every crime in the city has a cyber element, Manhattan DA says ► Improved lab to be used as model for law enforcement nationwide, officials say

The city is pouring millions into a state-of-the-art cybercrime lab, giving New York's law enforcement unprecedented new abilities to pore through suspects' computers and phones.

The Council announced \$4.2 million in funding yesterday to expand the Manhattan district attorney's High Technology Analysis Unit, a cybercrime lab that already exists but will now be bigger and more powerful. The money will also allow prosecutors to dramatically increase the number of smartphones they can sift through in the hopes of crime-solving.

"In this day and age, we need to be as sophisticated as criminals," Speaker Christine Quinn said.

Smartphones are increasingly being used to help nab criminals. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said his office takes in more phones than they

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Vance said the number of computers analyzed in crime-solving jumped 200 percent from 2010 to 2011.

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Manhattan's district attorney office analyzed 1,000 cell phones last year, Vance said.

have time to analyze as quickly as they would like.

The number of computers analyzed by the D.A.'s Cybercrime and Identity Theft Bureau increased 200 percent from 2010 to 2011, and the office investigated 1,000 phones last year, Vance said.

Just last summer, he said, the ability to sift through pri-

vate computers helped them create a case against 26 defendants accused of trading photos of children being sexually assaulted. In fact, nearly every case the D.A.'s office prosecutes has some type of cybercrime element, from identity theft to checking the GPS history on a murder suspect's smartphone, Vance said.

"You essentially leave digital bread crumbs," he said.

Giving investigators greater ease to troll through personal phones quickly is important, Vance said. He noted that after an arrest, prosecutors have six working days to indict someone or release them.

"Speed matters," he said.

New technology in Manhattan will be a model for police around the county, he said.



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Avoid being an identity theft victim

Identity theft is rampant, Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance said. Here are some tips New Yorkers can use to prevent becoming a victim:

► Look over your bills carefully

— make sure all the purchases are ones you have made.

► When you go to an ATM, look at where you're sliding your card in — some thieves use "skimmers" that attach to the ATM to steal your info.

► Always put your hand over the keypad when you enter your PIN.

Officials victims of cybercrime, too

Vance and Council members recounted instances they had been cybercrime victims. Upper West Side Councilwoman Gale Brewer told of seeing unfamiliar purchases on her credit card bill and going to the Bronx to confront the thief, which turned out to be a false address. Wash-

ington Heights Councilman Robert Jackson said he received a hoax e-mail from a friend claiming to be stuck in Europe and asking for cash. Quinn said her wife noticed someone had bought expensive plane tickets to London and Abu Dhabi. And even Vance said he saw in his bill 10 days ago charges to Dunkin' Donuts and Trader Joe's that he had not made.

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Still under investigation

Five police officers were treated for inhalation and two firefighters were also injured in responding to the blast. One additional person, a neighbor, also suffered minor injuries.

According to Newsday, a spokeswoman for National



Grid said the home was not supplied with natural gas. However, there were two 200-pound propane tanks

found outside the house after the explosion.

The home was completely leveled in the explosion, and investigators have not yet determined what caused the blast. Fire officials are investigating whether the explosion was gas-related, according to Newsday.

Neighbors said they could smell the strong odor of gas. ● METRO/CB

Toddler killed in Long Island house explosion

A toddler was killed and 14 other people injured when a home exploded yesterday in Brentwood, Long Island.

The house, at 12 Prospect Drive, exploded at 11:55 a.m. The blast was so powerful it was felt throughout the neighborhood and badly damaged several other homes nearby.

"I never heard such a horrific boom. I thought a bomb exploded," said Ida Gibaldi, who lives about 300 yards from 12 Prospect Drive. "I thought my house was coming off the foundation."

Gibaldi, 79, said her 55-year-old son rushed outside to help.

"He came across the house blown to bits, just in splin-

ters," she said. "That's when he saw a man covered in blood; his clothes were ripped and burned."

"And a woman, I think it was the child's mother, ran out of the house, carrying the baby. She was screaming, 'My baby! My baby!' He saw them carrying the baby into a police car," she said.

"She was screaming for her baby's life," said Gibaldi. "It's so sad."

The baby lived in the home. He was rushed to the hospital, but later died. Rescue workers pulled six other injured adults from the rubble.



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Port Authority investigating JFK's security system breach

► Outrage after wayward swimmer able to sneak onto airport property ► Port Authority launches investigation into how man made it past airport's \$100M motion sensors, cameras

A man who swam ashore and walked undetected into John F. Kennedy International Airport over the weekend has prompted an investigation into how the approximately \$100 million security system was breachable.

"We have called for an expedited review of the incident and a complete investigation," said Anthony Hayes, speaking for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

According to the agency, a man identified as Daniel Casillo, 31, trespassed onto the airport's grounds late on Friday. The Port Authority said it was investigating the details of the breach and how Casillo was

able to get past the state-of-the-art security system.

Media reports said Casillo had been stranded in the waters of Jamaica Bay after he was separated from a group of friends and his Jet Ski ran out of fuel.

He swam several miles to the airport, the New York Post reported.

Wearing a bright yellow life jacket, Casillo would have walked past motion sensors and closed-circuit cameras that make up the airport's state-of-the-art, perimeter intrusion detection system, which was designed to detect threats from the waters around JFK. The system is valued at about \$100 mil-

lion, according to the Port Authority.

He entered one of the airport terminals, where an airport worker alerted authorities.

Security experts from across the world have been swift and harsh in their criticism of airport security systems.

"Immediately there should've been an armed response," former New York City Detective Nicholas Casale told USA Today. Casale used to work as deputy director of security for counterterrorism at the MTA. "Heavy weapons, armored cars to the area that the perimeter was breached. The airport should have been locked down." **REUTERS**



► JFK's state-of-the-art security system was no match for a lone swimmer in a bright yellow life jacket.

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Questioning creator of security system

Anthony Hayes, of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, said the agency was communicating with the maker of the security system, Raytheon, to determine how the perimeter intrusion detection system, built in the years following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, could be improved.

Hayes noted that the system exceeds federal guidelines for airport security.

He also said the airport increased police patrols along the perimeter and in the waterways after the Casillo incident.

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Gov Christie to headline GOP



► Chris Christie had been mentioned as a possible vice presidential pick.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie will deliver keynote address when Republicans gather this month for their national convention before the November presidential election, the party said yesterday.

Christie, a colorful speaker popular among fiscal conservatives in his party, had considered a U.S. presidential run himself before endorsing Mitt Romney, who will become the official Republican presidential nominee at the gathering.

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio will introduce Romney at the convention, a Republican official also said. Rubio's home state of Florida — a battleground contest in November — will host the convention Aug. 27 to Aug. 30 in Tampa.

"As governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie has proven how bold Republican leadership gets results," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said in a statement.

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CHRIS CHRISTIE TOLD USA TODAY

"We have an opportunity in Tampa to make clear that if we tell each other the hard truths, tackle the big problems and make bold choices, we will see America's comeback," he said.

Christie has been a rising national figure in the Republican Party and has received praise for tax cuts, trimming the budget and other measures in his mid-Atlantic state.

The governor will argue for shared sacrifice to address the country's problems, according to USA Today.

"I'll try to tell some very direct and hard truths to people in the country about the trouble that we're in and the fact that fixing those problems is not going to be easy for any of them," he told the newspaper on Monday.

Obama senior campaign adviser David Axelrod said Christie, with his lacerating wit, will be an entertaining speaker. **REUTERS**

Ryan 'bounce' yet to arrive

Mitt Romney received no immediate boost to his White House bid by naming U.S. Representative Paul Ryan as his running mate, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released yesterday.

Some 51 percent of those surveyed said the decision

did not change their opinion of Romney, a former private-equity executive and Massachusetts governor who will face President Barack Obama in the Nov. 6 election.

Another 26 percent in the online poll said they viewed Romney more favorably after he added the 42-year-old Wisconsin congressman to the ticket.

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U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan is many things to many people: darling to the conservative cause, Congress' fiscal whiz kid and would-be destroyer of America's social safety net to liberals everywhere.

But muscle-toned hulk of Washington, D.C.? Have you seen those guns? (And we're not talking about the bullet-shooting types.)

Popular gossip sites like Gawker and TMZ have already ballyhooed his physique, but it's far from over. Consider one TMZ



► Ryan



► The Hulk

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producer's demand during Monday's television broadcast in a segment about Ryan: "We need a shot of his abs!"

He's not the first hot vice

presidential candidate — see: Sarah Palin, 2008 — but he might just be the most jacked. Metro took a look back at the history of Veep figures. ● **BRIAN X. MCCRONE**

Sizing them up

Paul Ryan

- **Height:** 6-foot-1
- **Weight:** 163 pounds
- **Workout regimen:** Tony Horton's "P90X" fitness program and the "Insanity" workout.
- **Detail:** A policy wonk who loves crunching macroeconomic numbers, he also has 6-to-8 percent body fat.

John Adams

- **Height:** 5 feet 7 inches
- **Weight:** Unknown, but his



► Adams

nickname among Founding Fathers was "His Rotundity" both for his girth and love of power.

- **Workout regimen:** He liked to walk far distances.
- **Detail:** We've been taught to believe (i.e., watched on HBO) that our country's first vice president looked like Paul Giamatti and wore one of those British whigs.

Chester Arthur

- **Height:** 6-foot-2
- **Body mass index:** 28.7 (30 or more is obese)
- **Workout regimen:** Taking trips to Florida and Yellowstone National Park to refresh the spirit.
- **Detail:** He successfully hid a



► Arthur

disease upon taking office, but the man who served as the nation's 20th vice president and eventually the 21st president weighs in as our sixth-fattest commander-in-chief ever.

Jack Kemp

- **Height:** 6-foot-1
- **Weight:** 201 pounds
- **Workout regimen:** Playing professional football for 10 years as starting quarterback with four NFL teams.
- **Detail:** Kemp was larger than most politicians when he became a household name as Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole's veep pick, but it was because he was a one-time world-class athlete.



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Standard Chartered reaches \$340 million settlement over Iran

Standard Chartered Plc has agreed to pay \$340 million to settle allegations by New York's bank regulator that it hid transactions linked to Iran.

The announcement yesterday capped a weeklong transatlantic dispute over the U.S. investigation of a British bank and a furor over why New York Superintendent of Financial Services Benjamin Lawsky had acted independently of U.S. federal agencies.

The resolution also came after London-based Standard Chartered's chief executive,



▶ Standard Chartered in London.

Peter Sands, flew to New York to take control of negotiations and less than 24 hours before the bank was scheduled to defend itself at a high-stakes hearing.

Lawsky on Aug. 6 said Standard Chartered had hidden Iran-linked transactions with a total value of \$250 billion, calling it a "rogue institution" for breaking U.S. sanctions laws.

Standard Chartered confirmed that the two sides had agreed the terms of an agreement, including the payment of \$340 million. **REUTERS**



▶ Zimmerman, 28, has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in the Feb. 26 shooting death of Martin.

George Zimmerman makes another appeal for a new trial judge

The lawyer for George Zimmerman, who is charged in the shooting death of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, filed an appeal on Monday in a renewed attempt to seek a new judge in the case.

Mark O'Mara told reporters he asked a Florida appeals court to reconsider a ruling by

Judge Kenneth Lester refusing to step down from the case.

In a motion filed last month, O'Mara claimed Lester made "gratuitous" and "disparaging remarks" about Zimmerman and showed bias in a July 5 ruling that raised Zimmerman's bond from \$150,000 to \$1 million. **REUTERS**

In the news

Burmese python sets Florida record

ORLANDO, FLORIDA. A Burmese python found in Florida set records as the largest such snake ever captured in the state, at 17-foot-7, and the most prolific reproducer, carrying a record load of 87 eggs, according to researchers.

The previous Florida record setters were a 16-foot-8 python and 85 eggs.

"It was huge," said Paul Ramey, spokesman for the Florida Natural History Museum at the University of Florida in Gainesville. To perform the necropsy, researchers "had to put three tables together and it took at least four people to pick it up and get it on the tables," Ramey said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Aniston will expand her wedding guest list

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Although he's been engaged to **Jennifer Aniston** for less than a week, **Justin Theroux** is already proving to be quite the family man. After years of estrangement, he's convinced Aniston to add her mother, **Nancy Dow**, to the wedding guest list.

"Justin comes from a tight-knit family [that] he is very close to. He preaches family values to Jennifer and he said to her he'd love a private, low-key ceremony with all their family members present," a source tells RadarOnline.

Aniston didn't invite Dow to her wedding to **Brad Pitt** in 2000 — which was only one year after Dow released an unwelcome book about her daughter — but the actress has since softened her stance. "She agreed, said she'd forgiven her mom for her past discrepancies, and that Nancy should be a guest at her second wedding," the source tells Radar.

Is it a nice gesture? We guess. But this is like getting left out of the beach trip, then invited to the sandy drive home.

Bam Margera still being Bam Margera

Employees at the Charlotte



► Say hello to Jen and Justin, who we are obligated to stalk for the next couple months.

Douglas International Airport refused to let **Bam Margera** board his plane Sunday afternoon because he smelled of booze and was combative, reports TMZ. The former "Jackass" star was eventually handcuffed and detained by airport police, but he denies being drunk. Instead, he's offered TMZ an explanation that only Bam Margera would consider an explanation: The hangover smell was "left over" from the day before, and the "loud and obnoxious" behavior was simply business as usual.

Posh Spice has plans

After rumblings that **Victoria Beckham** had expensive wardrobe demands for the Spice Girls' performance at the Olympics Closing Ceremony, sources tell Hollyscoop that she declined to attend an after-party with her former bandmates. "Everyone was a little disappointed that she did not come out to celebrate after," a source tells the site.

Ladies, perhaps you've heard of **David Beckham**, aka the Ultimate Spice Girls After-Party.

Talking points

Forbes not waiting for the press release

While the world waits for word on the status of **Robert Pattinson** and **Kristen Stewart**'s relationship after Stewart's admission of cheating, the folks at Forbes magazine seem to have drawn their own conclusions. When the magazine released its Highest Paid Celebrity Couples list last week, it left off Pattinson and Stewart, who ranked fifth last year. "Stewart and Pattinson were, in fact, left off the list because they are broken up," a magazine rep tells the Huffington Post.

No love at first sight for Rachel Weisz

Though usually averse to discussing her marriage to **Daniel Craig**, **Rachel Weisz** lets a few personal questions into her interview in the new issue of the U.K. edition of Marie Claire. "It wasn't really like that," Weisz insists when asked if it was love at first sight with Craig. "We'd been friends for ages." She's even more forthcoming on the subject of being a working wife and mother. "Like any job, there are days when you're

just pulling your hair out. The same as anyone who wants to be with their kid or husband," she says.

Stallone on family's 'horrible situation'

In an interview with "Good Morning America," **Sylvester Stallone** opened up for the first time about the recent death of his son, **Sage Stallone**. "It's tough. It's very very tough," Stallone says. "It's a horrible situation but, time, hopefully, will heal — and you try to get through it. It's something that's a reality in life." The actor and director, who is busy promoting "The Expendables 2," recognizes that keeping busy can be helpful: "It's important to get back and try to start reliving your life. Otherwise you can go into a spiral."



► Stallone

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The softer side of Joel Edgerton

► The 'Warrior' star shows off his sensitive side — and updates us on his upcoming film, 'The Great Gatsby'

Joel Edgerton is a bit preoccupied with a tan fedora, taking it on and off as we start our interview. "It was a gift from someone from down in Venice," the Australian actor says, adding that he would consider himself a "hat person" if it weren't for one pesky detail: "I've got a massive head, so it's hard to find them. I think this is the Indiana Jones in me trying to get out," he offers with a laugh. Edgerton is in town to talk about his latest film, "The Odd Life of Timothy Green," but that's not all he's got

coming up.

American audiences are still getting familiar with you, but even so, this is a different kind of role for you. How has it been presenting that?

It's almost easier, in a way. Playing a role like Jim is kind of almost closer to me than "Warrior" is. You either have the same experiences, family-wise, that your character does, or you have to alter them in some way or invent them. ... It's easier to kind of lean on those things like

violence and aggression as male emotions, but it's more interesting to look for the softer elements, you know?

This seemed a lot like a Frank Capra-style character to me.

A lot of the times as an actor, you wonder if you fit into that everyman category and those characters that we hope the best for. It's hard for me to talk about myself like that, but I can definitely see that in [co-star] Jennifer [Garner]. ... I relate to her ordinariness.



► Jennifer Garner and Joel Edgerton star in "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" with newcomer CJ Adams.

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You've described the 3-D in your upcoming film, the reboot of "The Great Gatsby," as "gentle." Can you elaborate on that?

They have the ability to alter how much like a pop-up book it really looks. I remember [director] Baz [Luhrmann] showed 15 minutes of an overview of the movie, and I forgot that I was wearing the glasses.

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TV watch list

'Oh Sit!'

REALITY. Musical chairs becomes an obstacle course-laden action game show with 12 adults vying for a cash prize. Thank you, terrible economy. Series premiere, 8 p.m., The CW

'Shark Fight'

REALITY. In the shark versus

man bout, we give the decision to shark. Points go to his horrific technique, as seen in these gnarly re-enactments of humans encountering jaws firsthand. **Shark Week**, 9 p.m., Discovery Channel

'American Hoggers'

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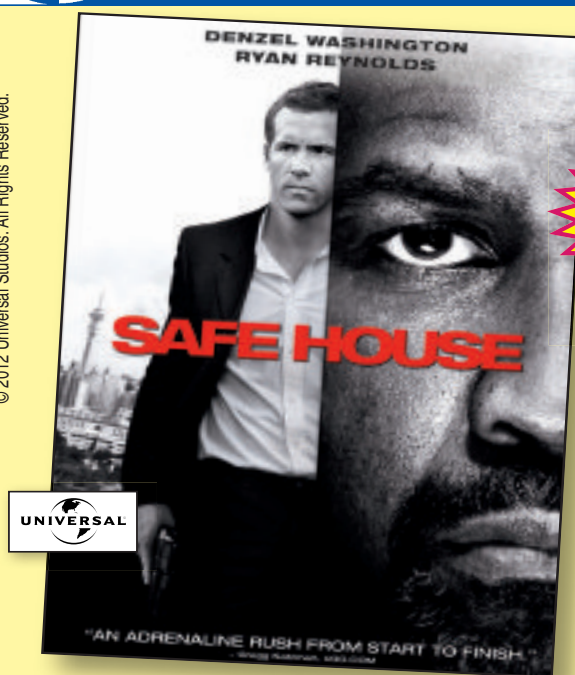
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The sides they are a-scrollin'

▶ Nothing can replace the classic format that still enjoys the favor of gamers and developers alike

The humble sidescroller was birthed into this world when Super Mario Bros. invaded living rooms more than 25 years ago. In recent years, the old genre has experienced somewhat of a rebirth. Gamers like it because it lets them grab a quick nostalgia boost. Developers like it because it enables them to use the form as a canvas for experimentation. Here are reviews of two new titles that do both.

'New Super Mario Bros. 2'

Console: Nintendo 3DS

Company: Nintendo

Grade: **00000**

It's a-him, Mario. Everybody's favorite mustached "plumber" is back for another retro-heavy platform adventure. "New Super Mario Bros. 2"

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adds two-player co-op into the mix and places a large emphasis on coin collection. How much? One of the main goals of the game is to collect a million of those golden doodads. Looks like Mario recently got into Ayn Rand.

What's new? Not a lot. The level design and gameplay will be familiar to anyone who has ever even glanced at a video game. Sure, if you are cradled by cynicism, this could be looked upon as lazy or — yikes — a cash in. That'd be



▶ The post-apocalypse comes to Seattle in "Deadlight."

missing the point. It's fun as all get-out. It's Mario! You know the drill. A rehash Mario game is still better than 95 percent of other games out there.

'Deadlight'

Console: Xbox 360 XBLA

Company: Microsoft

Grade: **00000**

There aren't too many zombie sidescrollers, so "Deadlight" comes as a welcome — and slowly lurching — surprise. First of all, this game is beauti-

ful. The muted color palette and realistic rendering of a ruined city will have you from the first frame. The gameplay is a mix of sidescrolling action and puzzle solving. Think "Limbo" or "Shadow Complex" and you have the right idea. You wander around post-apocalyptic Seattle, avoiding the undead and trying to find your family. The game is tense and rewards creative thinking. It's pretty short, though.

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Alcohol and hormone therapy a risky cocktail

Study subjects: 40,000 postmenopausal women
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A study by the Cancer Prevention Institute of California found that women using hormone therapy who also consumed a moderate amount of alcohol had an increased risk of breast cancer. The members of the group who stopped using hormone therapy, but continued to have a moderate

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Americans need to jump off the wagon

Gov. Romney is the only man who can stop this country from going off a fiscal cliff. We will pale in comparison to what is happening in Greece. The U.S. can not handle four more years as an entitlement nation. We have too many people riding the wagon and not enough people pulling it. Please wake up. Your future and your children's depends on it.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

No wake-up alarm needed, thanks

RE: "THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPINIONS AND BABY BIRDS" (METRO, AUG. 14) I find it strange that Mr. Brittle's unique "opinion" seems to be the same opinion held by the majority of left-wing

lunatics. Any opinion that conflicts with their delusional worldview is somehow wrongheaded and false. They attribute to FOX some supernatural ability to brainwash the masses, but not themselves. They are the last of the ever-shrinking pool of sane people in the world. Only they possess the mental ability to govern the foolish and mentally defective herd. Mr. Brittle's comments demonstrate the contempt leftists have for the majority of their countrymen and the insanity of their ideology.

J.D. TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL

Untruthful? Let me count the ways

RE: "BIGGER ISSUES NO EXCUSE FOR HIDING" (METRO, AUG. 14) Before we go naming the

ways that Romney is not being truthful, I think David Dibello should tally up some of the things Obama has kept hidden, since he is, after all, our president for at least a few more months. There's the supercilious executive privilege over what really happened with Fast and Furious. There's the surreptitious signing of the NDAA on New Year's Eve. And lastly, will his buddy John Corzine ever get his comeuppance for "misplacing" billions and then perjuring himself in front of Congress? I am highly dubious, to say the least.

HANS HAUGEN, ASTORIA, N.Y.

Obama's cap has got more feathers

RE: "THERE'S ALWAYS THE ROAD LESS TAKEN" (METRO, AUG. 14)

Obama's policies are not making matters worse. In one year of his presidency, he created more jobs than Bush did in his eight years in office. He killed Osama, after Bush vowed swift revenge, and ended the war in Iraq. I would continue, but that is already more than Bush accomplished. It is unequivocally the obstructionist members of Congress that impede Obama's progress.

STEVEN DOURDIS, VIA E-MAIL

Caption contains sin of omission

RE: "THREE DEAD IN SHOOTING NEAR TEXAS A&M" (METRO, AUG. 14)

The caption says, "Shooting comes less than four weeks after a man opened fire in a crowded Colorado movie theater." Conspicuous in its omission was the Sikh temple shooting in Wisconsin that happened less than two weeks ago. What are Sikhs (and other minorities)? Chopped liver?

NICK KARTER, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** In certain situations where you are required to exercise authority over others, make your wishes known in as pleasant a manner as possible in order to get your way.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Things in general should work out rather well due to your shrewd use of your assets and abilities. What your logic overlooks, your instincts will take care of.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Perhaps one of your greatest gifts is your ability to get along with people from all walks of life. This splendid quality is likely to be in big effect currently.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Try to focus your efforts on meaningful objectives while you're in such a good achievement cycle. Don't waste your time on matters of little significance.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It behooves you to treat developments philosophically, regardless of whether they are beneficial or harmful. A good attitude keeps things in perspective.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** An investment does not have to produce a huge profit in order to be classified as a success. Be alert for all kinds of opportunities, both big and small.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Should

a difficult decision vie for your attention, face up to it courageously. Being wishy-washy is the worst thing you can do, and it would more than likely lead to your defeat.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Instead of just doing what is expected of you, go for broke and produce as much as you can. Your industriousness will not go unnoticed or unrewarded.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Anything you can handle yourself should not be pawned off onto someone else. You're on a roll, but others may not be. So do the chores yourself, and everyone will end up happy.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be the one who moves forward on a deal, even if those with whom you're involved don't want to come on board. Conditions favor finalizing matters to your satisfaction.

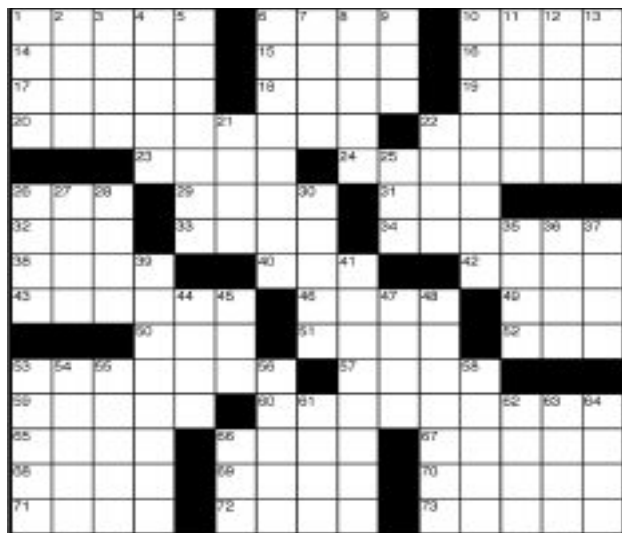
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even if you have to put your salesmanship skills to the test, it shouldn't be too hard for you to come away with what you want, regardless of how tough your prospect is.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Small details could actually be of far greater significance than the larger issues. Fortunately for you, these critical factors aren't likely to escape your attention.

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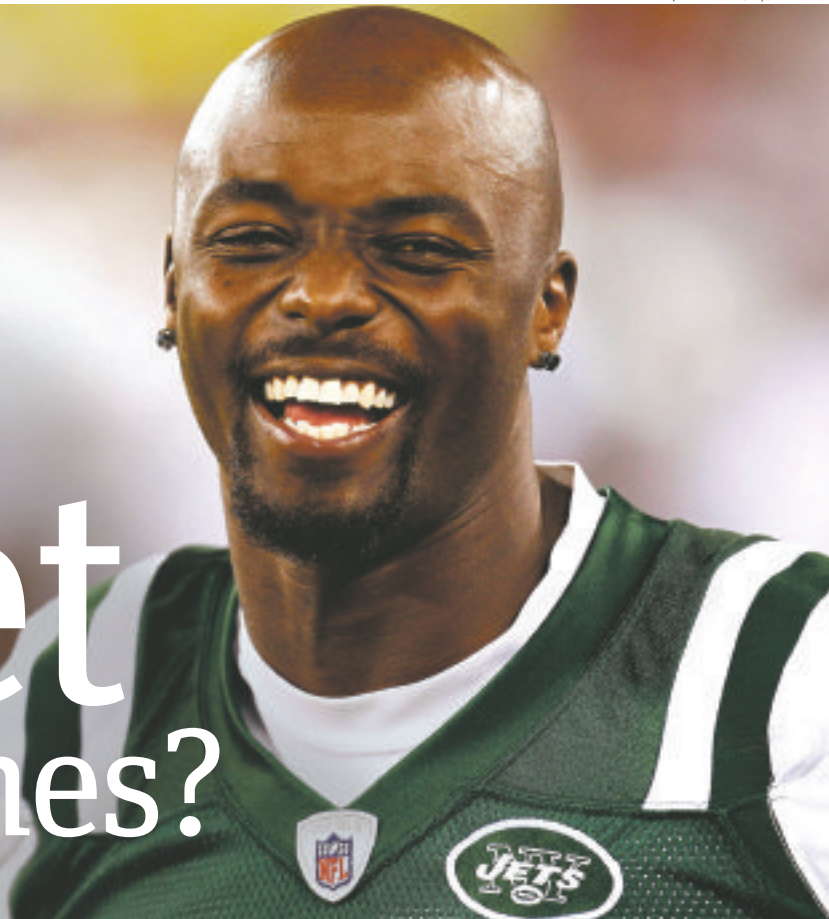
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► Jets wide receiver may be a pariah among fans ► In the locker room, he's anything but
► Young receivers looking up to veteran wideout for advice, leadership

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Holmes Sweet Holmes?



The Santonio Holmes you have gotten to know isn't the one his teammates know — and respect.

Put aside images of the Jets wide receiver in incidents like last year's Week 17 fight on the field in the fourth quarter of a loss at Miami or even the contentious media sessions with Holmes where at points the talented and enigmatic wide receiver appeared ready to snap. Teammates who line up with the player known as "Tone" in the locker room love the guy, even if the Jets fan base is leery of a player who comes across as unpredictable and selfish.

Ask rookie wide receiver Stephen Hill what he thinks of Holmes, and it isn't what is portrayed on the back pages of New York's newspapers.

"Oh no. What everybody says, he's nothing like that. Santonio is a great teacher. He's like a little big brother," Hill told Metro. "He's a great guy. I've been watching him with the Steelers, even with Ohio State. He's a great guy."

Holmes is seen as a mentor and a role model among a receiving corps where he is clear-



"Santonio, he's an adult. Whatever everybody else says, that [persona] is definitely not him."

STEPHEN HILL, WIDE RECEIVER

ly the veteran of the bunch.

"Oh definitely. Of course, I'm learning a lot out here. He's showing a lot that he did in other offenses; he's showing how you can set up corners," Hill said. "He's giving me a lot of advice."

Image is everything in the NFL, and Holmes suffers from a perception that may not be reality, but is largely his doing.

Last July after signing a five-year, \$45.25 million contract

extension with the Jets, Holmes took to Twitter to post a shirtless photo of himself downing a bottle of Cristal. Before a Week 5 loss in New England, a report surfaced that the veteran wide receivers went over the head of then offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer to complain to head coach Rex Ryan about the direction of the offense.

In the locker room, Holmes doesn't have that diva reputation — at least not that the young players on the team are willing to admit.

"Santonio is very approachable and is someone who is willing to teach and show the younger players how to do things," rookie wide receiver Jordan White said. "It doesn't need to be said, [but] you can go up to him and talk to him about anything. And he also is the kind of guy to come up to you and talk to you as well and share with you what he knows, what he learns. It is very easy that way. When he talks, you want to listen because he's been there."

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Cromartie takes turn at receiver

The self-proclaimed second-best wide receiver on the Jets' roster caught his first touchdown of summer training camp yesterday and, perhaps surprisingly, Antonio Cromartie was humble about it.

Two weeks ago, Cromartie made waves when he proclaimed that he was the second-best wide receiver on the Jets roster after seeing some limited reps on offense with the receiving corps. Last year, Cromartie did play wide receiver, including a catch in a Week 2 win over the Jaguars, but he's never been a true part of the

receiver rotation — until now, that is.

"Ever since high school, and in college, I was a two-way guy. So it was just something I wanted to try to do up here, too," Cromartie said. "I mean, there was no inspiration behind it; I just wanted to try to do it up here on this level."

An argument can be made that Cromartie is the best athlete on the Jets. And given the injuries to receivers, double duty may be as much necessity as it is intrigue for what he brings to the offense.

"Just facing up against a defensive back, you know the 'ins and outs' and also on how you want to try to get the defensive back to turn his hips and things like that," Cromartie said. "So I think that will help me out." ● METRO/KD



Headlines



1 New Sixers center Andrew Bynum will reportedly undergo an experimental procedure on his injured knee.

2 The Mets added a new catcher yesterday when they traded for Boston backstop Kelly Shoppach. He will likely back up Josh Thole.

3 The Giants received the bad news yesterday that tackle Shaun Rogers will be out for the season after a blood clot was discovered in his leg.

Pettitte taking rehab slowly

The next time Andy Pettitte is offered to chance to look at an X-ray of his fractured left leg, he will decline. He will just listen to the results and follow the instructions of doctors.

"I kind of quit looking at the X-rays after I got back from Seattle," Pettitte said before last night's game with Texas. "Obviously, after the first X-ray I felt like it was heal-

ing real good — and then now you start having bones growing. I'm not a doctor so it's kind hard for me [to tell]. So I never should have started saying that I saw the X-ray. That was my fault."

Pettitte skipped last week's road trip to Detroit and Toronto to do some work in the pool to supplement his light throwing regimen. The next step is



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▶ Pettitte

likely some long tossing to go along with continuing to ride a stationary bike.

"You have to watch Andy every step of the way," manager Joe Girardi said. "He thought it was going to heal in two weeks and he was going to be back on the mound in four. That's just Andy. That's the competitive nature in him, so you have to watch what he

does to make sure he's right." Pettitte is hopeful he'll return Sept. 1, but cautioned any setback will further deter his rehab.

"It is what it is," Pettitte said. "I know that now if I have another setback then we got a serious problem."

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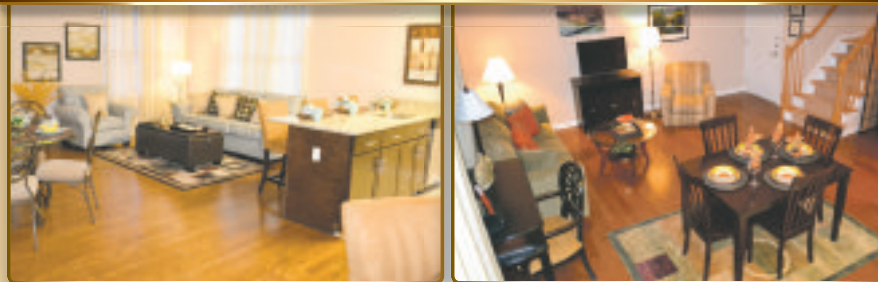
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When news broke last month that Katie Holmes had filed to divorce Tom Cruise, the first round of speculation centered on what would happen to their daughter, Suri. But questions about TomKat's real estate holdings were not far behind.

The celebrity couple, who were married in 2006, own extravagant homes in California, New York and Telluride, Colo. Their holdings include a 10,286-square-foot Beverly Hills estate with a tennis court, which they bought for \$30.5 million, and an 8,100-square-foot brownstone at 42 W. 12th Street in Manhattan. The pair paid \$15.1 million for it in April 2009, according to public records.

Holmes vacated the brownstone early last month



and rented an apartment in the Chelsea Mercantile at 252 Seventh Avenue. The actress is expected to get the couple's 9,477-square-foot property in Montecito, Calif., according to the terms of the pair's prenuptial agreement, some details of which have been leaked. At press time, it

wasn't clear who would get the Beverly Hills mansion or the Manhattan brownstone.

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Your apartment search plan

► This summer is one of the roughest in years for the real estate market ► Rentals, high in demand yet low in supply, are making apartments more costly and harder to find
► Gary Malin, president of Citi Habitats, tells us how to survive the summer market

Do your homework

"First and foremost, preparation is key to a successful search," Malin says. "A lot of people don't do enough homework, so when they get [to an apartment they like] they realize they're missing a lot of paperwork and end up [losing out on the unit]. Typical documents needed to rent an apartment in NYC include your last two years of tax returns, two recent bank statements, two recent pay stubs and an employment verification letter that states your annual salary. If you are self-employed, then a letter from your accountant would be required along with tax returns. In addition, it helps to have a letter from your current landlord saying



► Another big issue? Some people don't think pets are a big deal, but some apartments don't allow them, says Malin. Make sure you're upfront with your broker or the apartment owner.

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you pay your rent on time and are a good tenant."

Know your non-negotiables

"It's important to say to yourself, 'What are the things that I absolutely can't give up?' Prices are pretty high, vacancies are low, and you're probably going to have to make some sacrifices along the way. Maybe you're going to get a studio instead of a one-bedroom, live in the East Village versus the West Village. It's good to ask yourself, 'What are the items where if I can't have it, it's not like I'm not going to be able to proceed?'"

If you love it, take it

"Sometimes apartments are rented in a matter of hours. If

Expert tip

► **Timing is everything:** "The ideal time to look for an apartment is within 30 days of your desired move-in date. For example, if you're looking to move into your new home on Oct. 1, then you would begin the search in early September."

you love the first apartment you see, put down an application — because three hours later, it might be gone."

Be open to others' ideas

"Don't get honed in on one area and one area only. It's important to be open to suggestions. No matter what the circumstances are, you're probably going to be paying a lot of money in rent — so it's important to see what opportunities exist. You might find the ideal apartment [and] not your ideal location, but once you factor everything else in, you say to yourself, 'You know what, I'm glad I took a look at this.'"

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